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Who Was JFK Sleeping With? After the Judith Campbell-Sam Giancana-John Kennedy disclosures, both *Time* and *Newsweek* jumped on the story, but in very different ways. New York asked both Washington bureaus to find out what they could about JFK's girlfriends. The *Newsweek* reporters—especially Steve Lecher, who covers Justice—were unhappy over this *National Enquirer* approach, and at one point *Newsweek* reporters talked about hiring a lawyer to defend their right not to report on the gossip circulating in Washington. The reporters won out, and the resulting *Newsweek* story focused mostly on the JFK-Mafia development. *Time* went bananas over the JFK sex story, running photos of Kim Novak, Marilyn Monroe, Janet Leigh, Angie Dickinson, Jayne Mansfield, and others, implying that JFK was more than friends with the starlets, but coming up with no factual backup at all. A *Newsweek* reporter called *Time*'s handling of the story "disgraceful." A veteran *Time* correspondent agreed: "Most of us thought it was reprehensible. But that view obviously was not shared totally."

Tip for the Church Committee: The probe of the CIA's use of international corporations as cover for operations abroad should include a look at the Hilton hotel chain. At least two executives who held high positions with Hilton in Latin America were "spookier than a graveyard," by one account. One starting point for Church's men: Phillipe de Vosjoli, who ran French intelligence operations in the United States for the Deuxieme Bureau, his country's equivalent of the CIA, dedicated his memoirs (*Lamia*) to my "courageous and loyal friend Frank M. Brandstetter." An airborne intelligence officer during the Second World War, Brandstetter turned up in Cuba as manager of the Havana Hilton during the last days of the Batista regime, where he renewed a wartime acquaintance with de Vosjoli, who was doing cloak-and-dagger work in Cuba for the French. When Castro ran Hilton out of Cuba, Brandstetter shifted to Las Brisas, a mountaintop resort Hilton operated near Acapulco. Las Brisas was the favored playspot for personnel of the CIA's Mexico City station during Brandstetter's tenure.

Star Stuff: New marching orders at Washington's up-and-coming second newspaper—Mary Ann Dolan, a general assignment reporter, has taken over as editor of Portfolio, replacing Harry Bacas, aka The Great Survivor, who is heading for the news desk. Mary Lou Forbes, former day Metro editor, is in as deputy Portfolio editor. Tom Nolan, formerly night Metro editor, now is deputy sports editor. Nolan is heir apparent in sports to Dave Burgin, an assistant managing editor. Look for Burgin, who masterminded the *Star*'s series on homosexuals in sport and whose section is kicking the cliches out of its counterpart at the strike-troubled *Post*, to move onward and upward soon. Also: Former *Daily News* star Nick Blatchford, lately in charge of letters-to-the-editor, will become an editorial writer. In the works: a plan to take David Israel out of sports, where he impressed everyone with his football predictions, and make him a city-beat columnist. Rumor confirmed: Andy Beyer headed for finance section, with Mike Roberts due to replace him as racing writer.

Vice President Baker? Senator Howard Baker is the man to watch if the assassination conspiracies begin unraveling. While on the Watergate committee, Baker got very interested in the CIA. Then when he got on Church's intelligence committee, he began to really dig. One assassination investigator says, "Baker has been quiet, but he's way out ahead on this."

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